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CROP PRODUCTION – JUNE 2015

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Durum wheat production in Arizona, based on conditions as of June 1, 2015, is forecast at 11.78 million bushels, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is up one percent from the May 1 forecast and 47 percent above the 7.99 million bushels produced last year. Estimated acreage for harvest, at 124,000 acres, is unchanged from May 1, and 52,000 acres more than the 72,000 acres harvested in 2014. As of June 1, the average yield is forecast at 95.0 bushels per acre, 1.0 bushel above the May 1 forecast, but 16.0 bushels below last year's final yield.

As of May 31, Arizona's durum wheat crop condition was rated 1 percent poor, 7 percent fair, 70 percent good, and 22 percent excellent, compared with 1 percent poor, 14 percent fair, 46 percent good, and 39 percent excellent last year. Producers had harvested 15 percent of this year's crop, 4 percentage points ahead of last year, and 5 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.51 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the May 1 forecast and up 9 percent from 2014. Based on June 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 44.5 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from last month and up 1.9 bushels from last year. Hard Red Winter production, at 887 million bushels, is up 4 percent from last month. Soft Red Winter, at 414 million bushels, is down less than one percent from the May forecast. White Winter, at 204 million bushels, is up slightly from last month. Of the White Winter production, 12.4 million bushels are Hard White and 191 million bushels are Soft White.

Durum wheat production in Arizona and California is forecast at a collective 16.9 million bushels, up 59 percent from last year. In Arizona, 15 percent of the acreage was harvested by May 31, four percentage points ahead of last year and 5 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.